FOR MYSORE STATE

(195) Department.

SERIES.

G.O. No.	1480 Education.
Dated	10th October 1951.

[Despatch Abstract.]

[illegible] - Local Library Authority, South Kanara District. Permission to [illegible] over [illegible] of the [illegible] Public Library, Bangalore - Granted.

Back Papers.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
Letter ~~Memo~~	4						
Memo	3						

Further Papers.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

ORE STATE

195 4) Department.

SERIES.

Education.

October 1954.

[Abstract.]

Library Authority, South Kanara District - over the management of the K.S.R. Municipal . Granted.

. . .

M. S. EKAMBARA RAU

Besant Lane,
MANGALORE.3.

16th June 1954.

My dear Mr. Shastri,

It was a surprise to me to get from the Health, Edn. & Local Admin. Dept. a reply (No.29640-E5/54-1 of 31st May) to a letter addressed by me as Chairman of the Local Library Authority of S. Kanara to you among similar ones sent to all the M.L.A of our district, requesting them to urge the Govt. to agree to the naming of the District Central Library here after the late Karnad Sadashiva Rao in accordance with the condition stipulated by the Mangalore Municipality whose K.S.R. Library was taken over by the L.L.A. in 1951 for being conducted as the Dt Central Library. The reply has brought keen disappointment.

I am afraid that the full circumstances under which the L.L.A. felt obliged to press the matter have escaped the consideration of the Govt. The reply quotes the report of the Director of ~~the~~ Public Libraries about the shifting of the premises but takes no note of the fact that all the books, furniture etc., as also the attached staff of the Municipal Library have likewise been shifted. It is still the Municipal Library that is being conducted by the L.L.A as Dt. Central Library. If the condition of the Municipality about the name is not agreed to, the library has got to be returned to the Municipality. The L.L.A. will then have to begin from the scratch. As yet the L.L.A. has not a scrap of activity to its crdit. A good deal of time was taken up in the preparation of schemes - and more in getting the final approval of the Director for them. Although the Municipal Library has been under the L.L.A. Management for nearly two years, not a single book has been added, nor has a new reader-member been admitted. There seem to be numerous hurdles in the way. The vagueness of the Public Libraries Act as to the exact powers of the L.L.A., and the fact

EKAMBARA RAU

Besant Lane,
MANGALORE-3.

3

that the L.L.A. is something like the handmaid of the Edn. Department are responsible for its ineptitude. In these circumstances it would be a pity if the Municipal Library with books etc worth about Rs 8000/- were to go out of the hand of the L.L.A. now. The objection of the authorities that the value of the gift is too small to merit the retention of the name seems to be a bit off the line. They wanted the Municipality to gift the Lighthouse Hill building where the Library was housed to make the entire gift more worthy. But this the Municipality declined. Even if the Municipality were disposed to gift the building, it was too small even for the existing library. There is also no room for expanding the building. For these reasons the L.L.A. was on the look out for a suitable building for housing the Central Library, and as soon as one became available shifted the library to the new premises.

I am sure you will agree with me that the name of Sadashiva Rao is worthy of being honoured apart from the value of the gift. The public of Mangalore are one with the Municipality in commemorating his meritorious public work. I would request you, as one who knew Sadashivarao personally and as a keen lover of books and libraries, to help our L.L.A. out of the present impasse. The L.L.A. resolution (copy of which was sent to you) has been officially communicated by the D.E.O. (ex-officio Secretary) to the Director for being forwarded to Govt. (Edn.Minister ?) but no separate reply has been received.

Please pardon me if I have bored you I thank you for the kind enquiry you made of me when you were here. I am sorry I could not conveniently call on you at the time. Your programme was so crowded with engagements outside Mangalore.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,
M. S. Ekambara Rao

A. B. Shetty, M.L.A.,

HEL 6-7m

EV

3

Sub:- Libraries - Local Library Authority

S. Kanan dt - Taking over the

K.S.R. Municipal Library

P/7 Read again. Letter No 29640 ES/54-1 Edn dt 31.5.54

from the Chairman L.L.A. S. kanan letter to m(H)

dt 16.6.54.

Memo No 64989-ES/54-1 Endorsed 21.7.5

Jmk

21/7

A copy of the letter cited is

~~from~~ communicated to the DPL for

U

Urgent remarks. ~~A copy of the ques~~

no 2775 x proposed to be asked in the Leg. Assembly on the subject is also enclosed for information. The Director is requested to furnish particulars for answering the question and the ~~it~~ is supplementaries thereto.

x fl CF on LF

VO

21.7.54.

21.7.54

Do

the DPC

(with copy

Vh 1-3 CF

~~of LAQ in tel~~

HP / 12
30-8

HCLA (Edn)

Libraries – Local Library Authority, South Kanara Dist – Taking over the K.S.R Municipal Library –

(5 cy) Govt Memo: 64989-E5/54-1 Edn Dated 21-7-54

Memo: 64989-E5/54-2 Edn. Dated: 28/8/54

The Director of Public Libraries is requested to state when his reply to the Govt. Memo cited may be expected.

B
25/8/54

CENTRAL DESPATCH BRANCH
Dispatched by
Date 27/8 1954 Despatcher's Initials
DPL

27/8/54
VD
27/8/54

C.F. 82 /)—10.10,[illegible] -33 1-54.

15

Education Department

From (Name)

Designation The Director of Public

Station Libraries, Madras

Received ——— Registered ———

To

The Secretary to Government,
Health, Education and Local
Administration Department,
Madras

Enclosures: 93

Roc.No. 87.J.1/54 dated 10.9.1954.

Sir,

Sub: Libraries - District Central Library, South Kanara - Retention of the name K.S.R. Library

Ref: Government Memo.No.64989.E.5/54-1 Edn., dated 21.7.1954

--

I invite attention of Government to para 2 of my letter Rc.997.N/51 dated 10.6.52 and the orders of Government thereon in their Memo.No.23326 E/52-4 Education dated 7.8.52. I have made it definitely clear in my letter that the condition stipulated by the Municipality to name the library as K.S.Rao Library is not acceptable and therefore requested the Government to permit the Local Library Authority to take over the library purely as a temporary measure. Government have agreed with my views and have permitted the transfer only as a tentative measure.

I have already issued instructions to all Local Library Authorities in my circular Rc.125.N/50 dated 14.12.'52 that it is necessary that managements of private libraries should come forward to hand over their libraries instead of the Local Library Authority taking the initiative and that the agreement reached should be always in favour of the Local Library Authority. It is therefore not desirable to permit the Municipal Council to impose its will on the Local Library Authority as this is likely to set up a harmful precedent. The Mangalore Municipality and the Public of Mangalore can perpetuate the memory of Sri K.S. Rao in score of other ways. On principle the naming of a public library after any local personality is not desirable as it is likely to lead to unhappy controversy sooner or later.

In his letter dated 16.6.54 (referred to me for remarks) the Chairman Local Library Authority, South Kanara contends that even though the District Central Library has now shifted to a private building from the Municipal Building, the library is still having books and furniture worth Rs.8,000/-. which are the properties of the Municipality and that if the condition of the Municipality to name the District Central Library as K.S.Rao library is not agreed to, the books etc., have got to be returned to the Municipality and the Local Library Authority will then have to begin from scratch. I may point out that on this score the Local Library Authority need not surrender to the Municipality. The Local Library Authority has enough resources to build up a decent stock of books at any time. A provision of Rs.5,000/- for books and Rs.4,900/- for furniture has been made in the current year's budget, and any amount required over this provision can be incurred with my permission.

/

:2: Contd

The Chairman states that as yet the Local Library Authority has not a scrap of activity to its credit and that within the last two years not a single book has been added nor a new reader Member been admitted. The vagueness of the Act as to the exact powers of the Local Library Authority etc., is reported to be responsible for its ineptitude. When it is seen that the Local Library Authority in many other districts could not only open libraries at the District Headquarters and stock them with thousands of books and enrol hundreds of members but also start a number of branch libraries, the responsibility for the situation now obtaining in South Kanara should be placed only on the people at the helm of affairs of the Local Library Authority during the past two years.

I therefore consider that there ~~is~~ are no justifiable grounds to accept the request of the Chairman to retain the name of M.F.R. Library for the District Central Library, Mangalore.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Libraries

GRD.13.9. 13.9.64

13 H. E. L. A. Department (E 5).

Libraries - Local Library Authority, South Kanara District - Permission to take over the management of the K. S. R. Municipal Library, Mangalore - Granted.

Read: Government Memo No. 2-3326-E/52 Edn. dated 7-8-1952.

From the Chairman, L. L. A., South Kanara Dt., dated 16th June 1954.

From the Director of Public Libraries, Roc. No. 87-J1/54 dt 10.9.54.

Corder MS. No. 1480 Edn. dt 19/10/1954.

The Government permit the Local Library Authority, South Kanara District, to take over, permanently, the management of the K. S. R. Municipal Library, Mangalore, and to run that library as its District Central Library. The library will be called "K. S. R. District Central Library", after its management is taken over by the Authority.

14/10/54 VO 14.10.54

16.10.54

To

The Chairman, L. L. A.,
South Kanara Dt.,
Mangalore.

The D. P. L.

The S. C. S.

CENTRAL DE PATCH BRANCH
Dated 22/10/54 Despatcher's Initials

precedent. He also considers that on principle, the naming of a public library after any local personality is not desirable as it is likely to lead to unhappy controversy sooner or later. As regards the reasons adduced by the Chairman of the Authority for accepting the condition stipulated by the Ml. Cl., Mangalore the Director has pointed out that the Authority has enough resources to build up a decent stock of books at any time, that a provision of Rs.9,900/- (Rs.5,000/- for books and Rs.4,900/- for furniture) has been made in the current year's budget of the Authority and that any amount required over and above this provision could be incurred with his permission. He has also pointed out that the L.L.As. in many other Dts. have not only started libraries at their headquarters, stocked them with books and enrolled thousands of members, but also opened branch libraries in other places and that the responsibility for not making any progress in the matter of provision of library service in the South Kanara Dt. should be placed only on the persons who were at the helm of affairs of the L.L.A. of that di during the last two years. In the circumstances, the Dir. considers that there are no justifiable grounds to comply with the request of the Chairman of the Authority to retain the name of the K.S.R. Library for the Dt. Cl. Library, Mangalore. For orders whether Dir.'s views may be concurred in and if so whether the Chairman may be informed accordingly or whether the L.L.A. may be permitted to take over permanently the K.S.R. Library on the condition stipulated by the Ml. Cl. and to run it as the Dt. Central Library in its present name.

5. The file may be circulated to M(F & E) and M(H) for orders.

ASRI 24.9.54

The Dir's views may be concurred in

Seen

25.9.54

M(F&E) M(H) may kindly advise.

27.9.54

M(H)

The late Sri K. Sadashiva Rao is held in universal esteem in the district as well as in the whole of Karnatak. In view of the great sacrifice he made and the sustained work he did on behalf of the Congress it will be quite appropriate to have his name connected with the district library and meet the wish of the municipal council also in this matter.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
30 SEP 1954
HEALTH, EDN. & LOCAL ADMN. DEPTT.

Interrupt On + Examine
Cf/30s

*para 2 at pg 4

Please see the minutes of M(H) dtd. The Director of Public Libraries, Madras, holds the view that it is not desirable to permit the Municipal Council, Mangalore, to impose its will on the local library to set up a harmful precedent. He also considers that on principle the naming of a public library, opened by a local library authority, after any local personality is not desirable, as it may lead to unhappy controversy sooner or later. But, as per para of the minutes of M(H) above, it is for orders whether the L.L.A., South Kanara, may be permitted to take over ~~the library~~ the K.S.R. Library, Manga permanently on the condition imposed by the M.L.A., Manga

P.T.O.

48/4-10

and run it as the District Central Library in its present name.

2. The file may be recirculated to M.(F+E) and M(H) for orders.

ASK 4.10.52

3091/54. KD 1.10.54

F/S

SA Subbiah
4x54

M(F+E) The advice of M(H) may be accepted

6.10.54

M(H) Agreed
13/10

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
13 OCT 1954
HEALTH, EDN. & LOCAL ADMIN.

A draft order is submitted below for approval.

14/10/54 KD 14.10.54

16.10.54

Secy